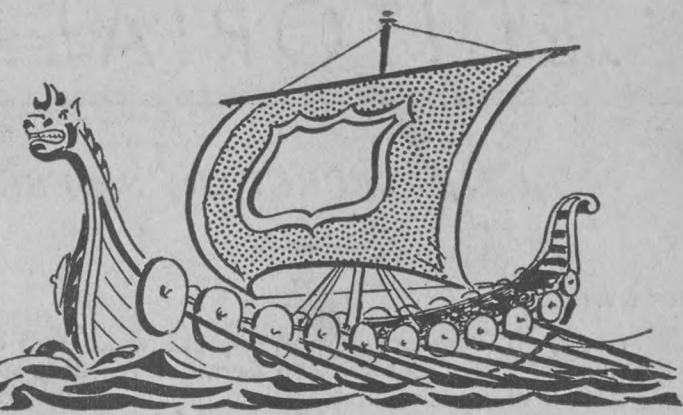


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Freedom, Fraternity and Progress Flourish for Half a Century

Sons of Norway Golden Jubilee Weekend

Solglyt Lodge 143 on April 20-21, 1963 celebrates its Golden Anniversary. This is a proud time in the annals of Sons of Norway, Edmonton. For half a century the Sons of Norway spirit of "Freedom, Fraternity, and Progress" has flourished. Solglyt Lodge has carried out a program of fraternal, cultural, community service and sports, and has frequently been in the fore with "first-honors".

It was in the Spring of 1913 a group of Norwegians in Edmonton gathered at the Strathcona Hotel, and 31 members formed "Nordpolen," Sons of Norway, with Mr. Carl Nelsen as president. The Charter was granted May 24, 1914, and they held their meeting in member's homes. The life of this group was shortly disrupted by the First World War, however, some members joined the service, others moved away. Only one Charter member, Mr. K. Storheim, remains in Edmonton.

The group reorganized on May 3, 1927, with Mr. Bert Tonstad as president. The name of the Lodge was changed to "Solglyt" (glimmering sun). Mr. H. E. Floen was Supreme Lodge Organizer for the prairie provinces.

Sons of Norway began as a Social Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 16, 1895, with 18 members. It later expanded into a fraternal life insurance group. Membership is open to Norwegian immigrants and their descendants, and today includes those of other nationalities married to Norwegians. In addition to low-cost insurance to its members, it is also engaged in charitable community activities.

In reviewing events the faces and names of many of those who helped year by year to accomplish what Solglyt Lodge is today, will be recalled. Some of the men who headed the lodge were: Mr. J. Faltinson, president in 1936; Mr. E. Loveseth, president of 1938, and in 1939, the beginning of the Second World War, Mr. H. Steilo was president.

Mr. Knut Sivertsen, a man widely known, was president in 1941-42. He joined the Lodge in 1938 and became very active in the membership drive, strengthening unity with his friendly personality, perseverance and good-will tours. He was appointed Norwegian Vice-Consul in Edmonton, Alberta in 1951. His death in 1957 was a great loss. His wife, Ragna, has held various offices within the Lodge, and for many years convened the popular Lutefisk suppers. She is at present assistant social director.



NORDPOLEN CHARTER MEMBERS

This group of 18 men were some of the Charter Members of Nordpolen, formed in 1913.

On July 18, 1933, the organization celebrated its 20th anniversary. Delegates from various lodges assembled in Edmonton as guests of Solglyt, and decided to form a Western Canadian Conference for the consolidation of the Canadian membership in order to advance the cultural and economic interest of the Norwegian people in the West.

The Silver Jubilee was an event October 28, 1938. Sons and Daughters of Norway together held a banquet and dance. Presiding at the function was President Mr. E. Loveseth, with Mrs. J. Faltinson convener.

During the Second World War every effort was put forth to help the men in the armed forces. The Ladies' Knitting Club was formed in 1941, and great quantities of knitting was done for the Red Cross. War patriots such as Lieut Edmund Strombolt, Mr. Haaken Lie, Mr. Benjamin Vogt and Hon. Dr. C. J. Hambro, president of The Norwegian Parliament and president of the League of Nations, were sponsored in 1943.

Sons of Norway raised \$400.00 for this with the film "Gjest Baardsen," which was shown on several occasions. At the May 17 banquet and dance \$150.00 was raised in aid of Norwegian sailors. Aid was also given to the Air Force in training at Muskoka, Ontario. The place where the Norwegian men trained became known as "Little Norway".

Solglyt Lodge began further advertising and promoting community good-will by entering the city's exhibition parade with their first float in 1952. Mr. Knut Sivertsen was the designer. The float won the coveted Connelly-McKinley trophy.

will. His wife Selma has held various offices within the lodge and is special representative.

Lutefisk suppers have always been a tradition with Norwegians, and the attendance has always been rewarding. One such successful supper, held in 1958, was convinced by Mrs. R. Sivertsen. She was assisted in the arrangements by Mrs. R. Arntzen, Mrs. K. Adam, Mrs. J. Lineham, Mrs. A. Gulbrandsen, Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. A. Olafson, Mrs. P. Melhus, Mrs. M. Myhre, Mrs. A. Herstad, Mrs. R. Haslund, Mrs. J. Myrvold, Mrs. C. Kolstad and Miss Ruth Hammerstad. The banquet hostess was Mrs. F. Jacobsen and table decorations by Mrs. Nels Naverseth and Mr. J. Lineham. Serving guests were Mrs. N. Nelson, Mrs. R. Logan, Mrs. S. Sorenson, Mrs. F. Johnsrud, Mrs. O. Tyschsen, Mrs. I. Hovde, Mrs. B. Loughlin, Mrs. E. Halberg and Miss Irene Lagergren.

Mr. Knut Sivertsen held the office of president in 1956, and again in 1960. He was social director for a number of years and is well known in the field of design. He has done the stage designing for Scandapades for a number of years, and has decorated floats entered in the exhibition parade, which have taken a number of prizes. His wife, Rose, helped him in his many undertakings and was news correspondent for a number of years.

Arrangements for flights to Norway were made in 1957 and 1958. Mr. Finn Jacobsen was the chairman for the flight committee. Per Gisvold was appointed Norwegian Vice-Consul at that time. The flights in later years have been carried on in conjunction with the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative

Association with Mr. H. Kristensen now on the Board of Directors.

The Youth of Sons of Norway was brought to the fore in January of 1961 when 38 boys and girls were initiated to form "Sunray Junior Lodge." The youthful president was Gary Johnson. Four children of the Storheim family were among the group, giving this family the unique distinction of being 2 generations of Charter members. One year later, January 12, 1962 the first joint installations of officers was held.

Solglyt Lodge was again honored on a second occasion, this time in 1962. Supreme President John K. Hagen presented President K. Amdam with the "District Lodge of the Year" award. Mr. Amdam and Mr. F. Johnsrud were each given merit awards for their efforts in the membership drive. President K. Amdam received the "President of the Year" award later in the year. He was president in 1958-59 and again in 1961-62. He is at present social director and his wife, Maisie, is a member of the sick committee as well as being active in the drill team.

This year of 1963 Solglyt Lodge is to receive another high honor — the "Viking International Citation." Membership at the beginning of 1963 numbers 202; initiation of more members will be held on the anniversary date. The president is Mr. P. Sather and vice-president, Mr. E. Halberg. Acknowledgement must be given to the founders of "Nordpolen" from which Solglyt had its beginnings, and the many people whose names cannot all be mentioned, but whose unselfish contributions and efforts helped Solglyt Lodge attain its fiftieth anniversary.

— IMPORTANT —

The new deadline for material for the Scandinavian Centre News is the 18th of the previous month. In other words, all such material must be in the hands of the Editor on the 18th. Material received after that date will not appear until the issue published one month later. This policy will be STRICTLY ADHERED TO, in order that the paper is in the mail on time.

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Thank you for your co-operation.

• EDITORIAL •

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

GOODWILL

This is an important item in any business. It is an important item in the Scandinavian Centre. We have enjoyed the goodwill of our shareholders and of the Edmonton community. Without growing goodwill we would stand still. In order, therefore, to get goodwill, you must extend it to others.

After the Scandapades '63 production, Mr. Leif Osback of the Sedgewick F.U.A. invited several acts to join with Sedgewick and district talent in putting on a Scandinavian program in Sedgewick on March 1st. A willing group of performers accepted.

The evening program in Sedgewick played to an enthusiastic house, packed with 500 people. The appreciative audience saw an excellent program, and the performers enjoyed the evening thoroughly. To further show their appreciation, the Sedgewick hosts entertained all Edmonton participants at a fine chicken dinner after the show.

Goodwill . . . Yes, you bet! The Edmontonians who travelled to Sedgewick will always remember Sedgewick with Goodwill.

The good people of Sedgewick and district will feel a great deal of goodwill towards the Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton. Several fully-paid shares were applied for by people in the Sedgewick area shortly after March 1st.

In this year, when building of the Centre will start and we need money through share sales, the Centre needs your Goodwill, and needs that Goodwill spread out to reach as many people as possible. Goodwill is positive! Be positive when you talk about the Scandinavian Centre . . . and we will succeed!

CHARTER NIGHT PRESENTATION

By Evelyn Modin

Highlight within District Alberta No. 18 Vasa Order of America was the institution of a new lodge in Medicine Hat on February 23rd. Eighty members from four lodges of the District were present to assist, and witness the ceremony.

The commencement ceremony was performed by District Master Margaret Eliasson and staff, and the initiation of 54 candidates into membership of the Order was performed with dignity and precision by the Edmonton Skandia drill team. This was followed by the District Master instituting Gas City District Scandinavian No. 670 as a lodge of the Vasa Order and presenting them with the Charter. It is expected that a few more members will join before the closing of the charter. Assisting the District Master in instituting the Lodge were District Deputy B. A. Belle and Mrs. Ivy Norlin of Lethbridge. Invocation was given by Mrs. Linnea Lodge of Edmonton.

District Deputy Frances Ost then read greetings and congratulations from:

Grand Lodge Executive Board
Strindberg Lodge No. 259 in Winnipeg
Bert Johnson - Past District Master of Alberta
Norden Lodge No. 513
Sisters of Skandia Lodge No. 549

Personal greetings were also extended from Chairman R. Stonehocker of Lethbridge, Chairman G. Erickson of Calgary, Chairman S. Johnson of Edmonton, and L. Thorsen of Falun.

Grand Lodge Deputy Eric Pierre gave a message of inspiration and presented a membership pin to Chairman L. A. Burkland.

The new lodge was presented with the following:

Material and Money	Grand Lodge
Banners, Ballot Box and Gavel	District Alberta No. 18
Silver Candleabra and Candles	Branting Lodge No. b13
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Program Cards	Henry and Linnea Lodge
Printing of Programs	Verna Kvarnberg
Altar Cloth	Margaret and Mons Eliasson
Banner Holders	Harold Markstrom
Bouquet Flowers	Past Presidents of Skandia Lodge No. 549

The evening ceremony was completed with the installation of officers of the G. C. D. Scandinavian Lodge No. 670 by District Master Margaret Eliasson, with the assistance of Skandia Drill Team.

District Master Margaret Eliasson was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from members of the G. C. D. Scandinavian Lodge No. 670.

A very colorful demonstration of folk dancing was given by the Skandia dance team.

A delicious lunch was served by the G. C. D. Lodge. Dancing climaxed the evening with the Lethbridge Lodge donating the music of the 12th Street Old Timers.

The appointment of KNUT HOLM-PEDERSEN as Danish Vice-Consul has recently been announced. His office is at 8611 - 109 Street; telephone 439-5744.

Scandapades Acts At Sedgewick

On March 1st the Sedgewick F.U.A. sponsored a highly successful "Scandinavian Night", at which the following Edmonton artists were enthusiastically received:

Carsten Carlsen, acrobatics; Kaj Hansen, reading on Scandinavians; Mrs. M. MacDonald, as "Guri"; Sigvald Arneberg and Clara Hopland, dance; Thorman Hilde and Irene Hovde, dance; Crystal MacDonald Fleuty, solo and duet; Jim MacDonald, solo and duet; Bunde Orchestra, Carl Elgstrand, Wally Happner, Gil Erickson, Joe Lineham, Irene Hovde; Lilly Taylor, accompanist.

Assisting in the Scandinavian Flag Drill were Clara Lineham and Ellen Engen.

Lent and Easter At Augustana

One of the interesting things about Lent at Augustana Lutheran Church this year has been the series of noon day services held each Wednesday at 12:05. The service includes such things as special music and a meditation by Pastor Linquist on one of the words from the cross. Following these twenty minutes of prayer and praise, the Church Women serve a light lunch. Anyone working or shopping downtown on Wednesdays is most welcome to take part.

Palm Sunday, April 7, will be a special day at Augustana with the Senior Choir singing a group of Lenten and Easter numbers as part of the service. On that day, the major portion of the liturgy will be omitted with the choir leading the first portion of the worship.

The evening of Palm Sunday will see the Sunday School of Augustana putting on an Easter program. It is entitled "Shepherd Tell the Easter Story" and will feature children parts and singing together with a closing candlelight service. The children's program begins at 7:00 p.m.

During Holy Week, April 7 - 14, a large cross will be erected in the front of the church by the Luther League, portraying to the downtown community the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Noon day services of special music and meditation will be held from Monday through Thursday.

Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Service of Public Confession preparatory to Holy Communion. Good Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Lent comes to its end with Easter morning. On Easter Sunday, there will be one service of festive worship at 11:00 a.m. This is the day of greatest rejoicing in the Christian Church as we celebrate God's triumph over death in His Son.

One and all of the various Scandinavian communities are welcome to take part in these Lenten and Easter observances at Augustana Lutheran Church, located in and serving the heart of our city.

Stricter Control Of Firearms

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The Norwegian Government has announced that the new Act on Small Arms, adopted by Parliament on June 9, 1961, will go into force on April 1, 1963. From that date, anyone who wants to own or buy fire arms must first obtain a permit from the local police. Only smoothbored shotguns are exempted. Approved applicants will receive arms cards.

Persons under 16 years of age will not get a permit to buy fire arms. For revolvers or pistols the applicant must be over 21. Cutting or stabbing knives with a blade more than 25 centimeters long must not be sold or turned over to persons under 16.

Applicants will be required to provide proof of sobriety, reliability and need, or some other acceptable reason, for wanting an arms permit.

Present owners of fire arms must apply for a new permit before the end of this year. The same applies to merchants now selling arms or ammunition. Manufacturers of small arms and ammunition must be licensed by the Norwegian Ministry of Justice.

Stavanger Has Both Canning School And Laboratory

Dr. Ove Hapnes, who heads Norwegian Hermetikkfagskole, reports that a growing number of foreigners, including many trade delegations, come to Stavanger to inspect the world's only complete vocational canning school. Designed and equipped to provide a well rounded education in all aspects of canning, the trade school is located near the Research Laboratory of the Norwegian Canning Industry. Stavanger is also the home of Chr. Bjelland & Co., Norway's largest packer of canned fish, including the widely distributed "King Oscar" sardines. Financed by Industry Levy

When the Norwegian Canning School opened in 1952, the emphasis was mainly on fish. Today, it covers the whole field of canning, including meat, fish, fruits and vegetables. The school combines its theoretical instruction with practical work. The 3-storey building contains chemical and bacteriological laboratories, drafting and class rooms, auditorium, and a small scale cannery equipped with the latest in automated machinery. Here, students pack anywhere from 120 to 150 different products.

Among subjects taught at the Canning School are physics, chemistry, bacteriology, hygiene, production planning, merchandise knowledge, practical canning, engineering, and plant management.

Students, who must be at least 17 years of age, are not required to have worked in a cannery. Elementary school graduates attend a 2-year course, while those who have finished secondary school need only take a 1-year course. Out-of-town students live in a dormitory adjoining the school. There is no tuition at all, and nearly all educational material is provided free of charge. Moreover, the fee for room and board is kept very low.

Since the school was started by Norwegian Canners Association slightly over ten years ago, altogether some 300 students have been graduated. Today, the school has 26 students from most parts of Norway. The cost of operation is financed by a membership tax of 1.2% promille on the basic price of all canned goods sold in the country.

Stress on Quality Control

The scientific laboratory which the Norwegian canning industry maintains in Stavanger was established in 1931. Supervised by a board comprising industry and Government representatives, it is organized in three departments for chemical, bacteriological and engineering research. As an institution devoted exclusively to the study of

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canning problems, it is the oldest in Europe.

Hermetikkindustriens laboratorium has over the years conducted scientific research and practical tests of the greatest importance to the nation's canneries, ranging from the nutritional value of canned goods to production methods and the development of new products. Much work has also been done on quality control, determining specifications for the industry's most important raw materials.

All quality control is now carried out by Hermetikk-industriens kvalitetskontroll, an independent department of the laboratory.

Chr. Bjelland & Co., whose annual sales run about Kr. 60-70 million, has long ago realized that top quality must be coupled with efficient advertising if a product is to find wide acceptance. Uniform quality is at all times maintained at the Stavanger firm's ten canneries. At the same time, sales promotion is stressed at home or abroad.

The company has also kept pace with the trend toward rationalization, automation, mass production and larger operating units. This is apparent in the completely integrated main cannery at Stavanger, which has replaced five plants formerly scattered around the city. As a result of extensive automation, installation of modern machinery and equipment, the plant staff has been reduced by one-third, while the volume of production has increased substantially. The main products turned out by Chr. Bjelland & Co., are "King Oscar" brand brisling sardines, sild sardines, smoked kippers, and a variety of herring cocktail tidbits.

Machines have taken over most of the work formerly done by hand. Sardines are threaded by machines before boiling. Each labelling machine, handled by 4 operators, turns out 25,000 cans a day. Lift trucks are used in the new 47,500 square foot warehouse, which can store 200,000 cases. The deep-freezing department, with a capacity of 24 tons a day, keep raw materials fresh for a long time.

Parliament has unanimously approved a supplementary appropriation of Kr. 193,000 to provide additional incentives for physicians to accept jobs as public health officers in North Norway. The money will pay for fuel subsidy, 2-week leave with full pay on top of 4-week paid vacation, and also 4-month leave with full pay every third year.

Fifty Years Of Lottery Draws

On March 10, 1963, it was fifty years since the Norwegian lottery, established by Act of Parliament in 1912, held its first drawing. From the start through 1962, Det Norske Pengelotteri sold lottery tickets for Kr. 1,862,300,000. Altogether Kr. 567,000,000 has been contributed to national causes, as decided by the Norwegian Parliament.

Under amendments to the original law the Lottery is licensed to operate for a 10-year period extending through 1967. The Lottery must hold 12 drawings a year. A full ticket still costs Kr. 10 and a half ticket Kr. 5. A prize is now offered for every 8th ticket. There is one top prize of Kr. 150,000, two of Kr. 50,000, four of Kr. 25,000 plus numerous smaller prizes. Present rules provide that 64 percent of the ticket receipts must be returned to players in the form of prizes. Lucky numbers are picked by Lotte, an electronic machine designed by the Central Institute for Industrial Research.

At its very first drawing the Lottery offered 4,052 prizes, as compared with 148,037 prizes in the December 1962 drawing. Ticket sales have increased from Kr. 1,600,000 in the first operating year to Kr. 124,000,000 last year.

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Yours sincerely,

SIGURD A. SORENSEN

VELBEKOMME

By Susanne Palsbo

A short while ago I arrived at a house for a party. In the hall I met a young man who cocked his head, sniffed enthusiastically, and said: "Ah, I smell my favorite dish."

"Oh," I said. "What is it?"

"Food," he said.

When the Englishman says, "My house is my castle" the Dane says "Food is my favorite dish." Though by nature he is no domestic tyrant, wife must be wary of upsetting him in matters of food. He does not much care for her trying to serve familiar and favourite dishes in new ways for the sake of variation; at any rate he will always make a great fuss the first time she does. Food, "as mother made it," however, she is always safe in serving.

Ask a Dane to describe a party he or she has attended, and the response will always be: "First we had . . . then we had . . . next we had . . . and to finish up with we had . . ."

The other aspect of the Dane's view of Danish food consist in his complexes with regard to foreigners when serving them with it. A few years ago a book of typical Danish dishes appeared in Denmark, translated for the benefit of Americans, and the idea was scoffed at because it seemed so comical to imagine any foreigner in his right senses wanting to buy a Danish cook book, take it home, and use it. Yet there were many who did; for it is fairly true to say that lots of foreigners like Danish food, because it is different.

Of course we have many dishes that foreigners regard with distrust and perhaps never come to like. One of our daily national dishes is called *Ollebrod* and consists of scraps of rye bread soaked in darg, sweet beer (gnown, strangely enough, as "white beer") then boiled in the beer, perhaps sweetened a little more, and served in soup plates with cream on it. Another speciality is pork with crackling, the crackling being the outer, thoroughly scraped skin of the pig, scored in long strips with a sharp knife, and roasted on the meat, the crisp crackling being eaten with great relish along with the meat.

If some foreigners look sceptically at the crackling, that is because in many countries pigskin is used

for glove-making. But it tastes fine when roasted. On the other hand, we have other specialities which nearly all foreigners love at first bite.

On the underside of the pig's loin there is a long muscle known as the tenderloin, and in Denmark — contrary to the custom in most other countries — this is a special cut. It is a splendid piece of meat, "which melts in the mouth," and it is incorporated in many Danish dishes, as well as being both cooked whole and as steaks (with onions) and cutlets (with bread crumbs).

Another speciality, always successful, is Danish shrimps, which are small (the largest the size of the end joint of a girl's finger), and are eaten topped on smorrebrod, the open-faced Danish sandwich. In summer, Danish restaurants will often have kitchen women whose sole job the whole day long is to shell shrimps.

Velbekomme, we say. It means that we sincerely hope that your stomach and the food will agree most wonderfully.

New Project In Offing

"BIKUBEN" will meet again the third Monday of the month, April 15th, at 8:00 p.m., 10029 - 85 Avenue. Every Danish speaking lady is welcome.

The ladies are busy making things to donate to the Ansgar W.A. ladies bazaar on April 26, and we hope to see many meet at the church basement on that date (see the ad about time and place under Club Bulletin Board).

"BIKUBEN'S" ladies helped to serve coffee at the Edmonton Molson House for "Know Your Canada Series" on Sunday March 17th, and now we have a new project we may tackle . . . but more about this next month.

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GR 7-3416**Lethbridge President Visits Lodge**

A large number of members enjoyed the March 2nd meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia which was taken over by chosen young members of the lodge.

Installation of acting officers were as follows:

Past Chairman, Elwood Johnson; Chairman, Geraldine Johnson; Vice Chairman, Wayne Modin; Secretary, Kenneth Peterson; Assistant Secretary, Faye Johnson; Financial Treasurer, Doreen Nyroos; Assistant Financial Treasurer, Anna Bergquist; Treasurer, Audrey Eliasson; Chaplain, Pauline Johnson; Master of Ceremonies, Carol Engvall, Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Raymond Wold.

Chairman from Lethbridge Lodge No. 579, Mr. Stonehocker, and his wife were visitors welcomed to the meeting.

The land committee has recommended that the main cabin at Vasa Park be wired for electricity.

June, July, August and September meetings will be held at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake.

Thanks for a job well done was extended to the young members by President Sig Johnson and they were treated to free lunch and dance admission. The Vasa Ladies served a delicious lunch and dancing followed by Carl Elgstrand's orchestra. Next meeting will be held on April 1st at 7 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Temple.

Swedish Company Introduces New Safety Belt

A unique three-point safety belt will be included as standard equipment in the 1963 line of Swedish made Volvo automobiles sold in the U.S., according to a recent announcement. It is said to be the first time that any automobile manufacturer, foreign or domestic, has offered safety belts as standard equipment in all models of its line. The new device is a combined lap and diagonal belt with a three-point anchoring.

"In recent years an increasing number of cars in Sweden have been equipped with the new belts, and it is amazing how often we have seen people survive even violent accidents," a Swedish authority on traffic safety said at a conference in New York.

VASA NOTES

Friend of Lars Erickson visited him at his home on his 80th birthday, and presented him with a cake decorated with 80 candles.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ed Pettersen, Nellie Anderson, Martha Dahl and Helen Riley.

Margaret Eliasson, on behalf of District Alberta Lodge No. 48 and herself, wishes to extend sincere thanks to all who so graciously contributed and assisted her with the institution of G.C.D. Scandinavian Lodge No. 670 in Medicine Hat.

Mrs. Carl Mortenson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Martha Iverson, and relatives in Victoria, B.C.

The Vasa drill team sponsored the trip made by the drill team and Vasa dance team to Medicine Hat for the opening of the new Lodge, "Gas City District Scandinavian Lodge No. 670."

Mrs. Margaret Eliasson has been visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Eliasson, in Lacombe, Alta. She has also been visiting friends in Vancouver and New Westminster.

The Children's Club will hold their spring concert on April 21st at 2 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Temple.

Mary Pearson is visiting with

Martha Hokanson at Gibsons Landing, B.C.

Nellie Anderson was given a surprise birthday party on February 16th by many of her friends.

The Vasa Folk Dancers gave a fine display of five folk dances in Medicine Hat at the institution of their new lodge, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Anyone wishing to get in touch with members of the sick committee please contact the following persons:

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Icelandic Notes . . .

A large and lively crowd thoroughly enjoyed the St. Patrick's dance held at the Mocombo. The wonderful music of Jack Fedun's orchestra and a varied program of dances kept the crowd happy all evening. A midnight lunch completed a very successful dance. Compliments for a job well done go to president Gunnar Thorvaldson, Bill Bachmann, Don Shaw, Shirley Thorvaldson, Inga Bachmann, and Margaret Cameron.

Mr. August Thorvaldson from Saskatoon was a recent visitor to Edmonton. While here he curled in the Westeel Bonspiel. As a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson he also attended the St. Patrick's dance at the Mocombo.

Congratulations

The Edmonton Icelandic Society extend belated but most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fishburne, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 24th, 1963. Holy Trinity Parish Hall was the scene of an afternoon tea in their honor and at which they received the best wishes for continued good health and happiness from their many friends.

Births

JANSSEN — Kay and Vic announce the arrival of their chosen daughter, Lori Lynn. A sister for Douglas, Gordon, Dale and Larry.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Benediktson of Whitehorse, N.W.T. spent a holiday visiting Red Deer and vicinity as the guests of Mrs. Rose Benedictson. They also spent a few days in Edmonton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Benediktson.

Mr. Stephen Benediktson was a recent winner for an entry in the C.A. Thesis Competition.

Miss Kristin Magnuson of Calgary and formerly of Gimli, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaw.

April Birthdays

"Just think of the things you really want,

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In this birthday wish for you."

To all those born in April and especially to: Mr. S. Esfeld, Mrs. Lena Benedictson, Mr. F. Fredrickson.

All members of the Edmonton Icelandic Society are urged to attend the coffee party at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, April 21st at 2 o'clock. The invitation is extended by the Sons of Norway, Solgylt Lodge No. 143 of Edmonton, and is in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Betty Pearson Elected President

The Vasa ladies held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean Anderson.

Donations were made to the following organization: Heart Foundation, Crippled Children's Fund, Cancer Research, Mental Health, Scandinavian Centre news.

Election of officers was held with the following results:

President, Betty Pearson; Secretary, Hansine Pierre; Treasurer, Irma McMaster; Alternate Officer, Emma Krag; Flowers for Sick, Milda Backstrom; Auditors, Mary Pearson and Hannah Sand.

The next meeting will be held on April 13th at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Emma Nelson, 10733 - 73rd Avenue.

Sunray Junior Lodge

Sunray Junior Lodge held their monthly meeting March 13. Mrs. Mary Rikstad and Mrs. Alice Loughlin took some of the little ones to Number Two Fire Hall where they spent an enjoyable time looking over the hall and equipment. The older group of Sunray spent their time wrapping gifts for the fish pond and making ready for the big night of March 30.

Solgylt Spotlight

The ladies' auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Holten on March 1, with a good number in attendance. Mrs. Helen Sather won the draw prize. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, at the home of Mrs. N. Naverseth, 10157 - 122 Street. All ladies welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Naverseth have returned home after an enjoyable three months holiday in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Halberg are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Kenneth John.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Johnson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Tracy Ruth, March 2 at the University Hospital.

A number of Sons of Norway members went out to Sedgewick on March 1 and performed in the Sedgewick Scandinavian Night. They had an enjoyable evening and were given a wonderful reception.

Latest Stamps . . .

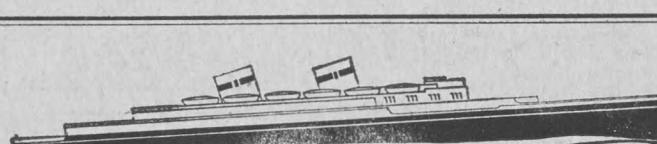
To mark the century of its National Museum, founded Feb. 24, 1863, Iceland will issue on Feb. 20 two stamps in the denominations of 4.00 and 5.50 kroner. The smaller denomination shows a portrait of Sigurður Guðmundsson, painter and scholar and first curator of the museum.

The other stamp shows a detail from the carving on the church door from Valpjofsstao. The carving is the most outstanding work of art preserved in Iceland from the period about 1200. The door is now in the possession of the museum.

Children to Convene Spring Concert

The season's end for the Vasa children's club will be a spring concert put on by the children on April 21st at the I.O.O.F. Temple. They welcome all members to attend.

Many thanks to Gertrude and Bud Holmgren, who were hosts to the children at a toboggan party at their home on March 3rd. The children were treated to hot dogs, doughnuts and hot chocolate, and young and old had a wonderful time.



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Finnish Society News**The Seven Brothers Return!**

The cast of the Seven Brothers have been busy rehearsing for two skits, "Tie Lukkarin Kouluun" and "Lukkarin Kouluissa," which will be presented April 13th. They are all looking forward to seeing you there, so let's give them a nice welcome and be there. Remember the date is APRIL 13th., at 8 p.m. at the Cromdale Hall.

Annual Fishing Derby!

The fishing derby this year was a great success with the largest turn-out that we have ever had. Congratulations to the winners.

They are:

Men's group — 1st, Mr. H. Hendrickson; 2nd, Mr. V. Rastas; 3rd, Mr. E. Lansimaki and Mr. V. Heimonen.

Ladies' group — 1st, Mrs. R. Vesaniemi; 2nd, Mrs. R. Salo; 3rd, Miss I. Rastas, Mrs. P. Utunen and Mrs. A. Sahuri.

Children's group — 1st, Jacky Rastas; 2nd, Ritva Salomaa; 3rd, Teuvo Ristola.

Everyone was invited to Mr. and Mrs. R. Vesaniemi's cottage for a warm cup of coffee after the fishing derby.

Many thanks to Mrs. E. Honka who was last month's sewing-circle hostess. The next month's sewing-circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kit, 11413 - 72 Street, March 20th. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. J. Luoma was recently visiting her sister at the coast.

Sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery to Reino Ahonen who is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital and also to Martin Puerto who is presently recovering at home.

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Busy Schedule For Vasa Drill Team

The past month has been a very busy one for the drill team. They were invited to Medicine Hat to initiate the new candidates and assist with installation of new officers for the coming year.

A few days later District Master Margaret Eliasson and a few members of the drill team attended the Buford Lodge meeting where they installed the Lodge's officers for 1963.

On March 9th they drove to Falun to initiate 17 new members into the Nordstjarnan Lodge No. 575. After the meeting they were all treated to coffee and a dance, and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

March 23rd saw the drill team at the Market Square serving delicious coffee at their annual home baking sale.

The trip to Medicine Hat was very educational and will be an occasion which the drill team probably will not have the honour of attending again for many years, as there has not been a New Vasa Lodge in Alberta for nearly thirty years.

The drill team wish to thank all those who helped to make the trip to Medicine Hat and Falun possible and also thanks to those who patronized and donated to their booth at the Market Square.

Movies Shown . . .

There were 11 tables of players present at the February whist party.

Prize winners were as follows: Men — Eric Pierre and Axel Modin. Women — Pearl Hober and Mrs. E. Westling.

Bud Holmgren showed movies of Vasa Park from past years which were enjoyed by everyone there.

'Smorgasbords' Lead

Vasa bowling standings as of March 16th find Leonard Eliasson's Smorgasbords holding top place.

Men's high average is held by Gordon Pearson, and Matt Eliasson holds ladies' high average.

The bowling banquet will be held on May 3rd at the Paddock. Everyone is welcome and those wishing to attend contact Shirley Pearson at GL 5-1294.

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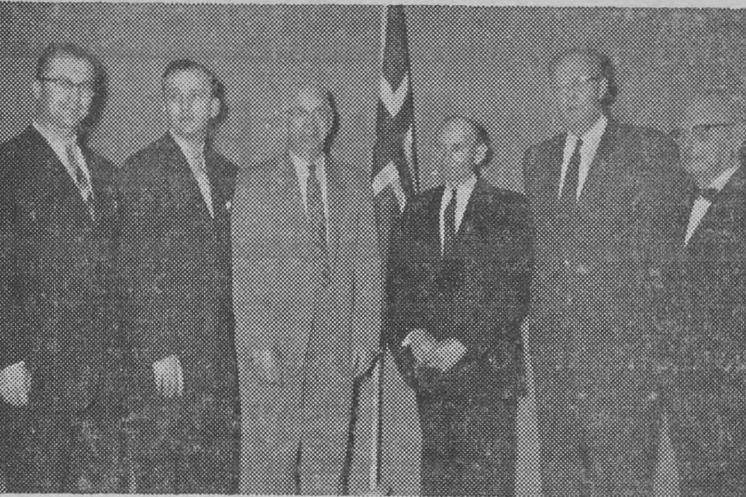
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Bergen to Hold 11th International Festival

The 11th Bergen International Festival of Music, drama, ballet and folklore, offering the most varied program ever, will be held in Bergen, Norway, from May 24 to June 9. Advance ticket sales indicate that attendance at the 1963 event may set a new record. The Bergen Festival is one of the four co-ordinated events in the Scandinavian Festival. The others are the Royal Danish Ballet and Music Festival, in Copenhagen, May 15-31; the Stockholm Festival, in Sweden, May 28 - June 15, and the Sibelius Festival in Helsinki, June 5-13.

Large and Varied Program

The seventeen day Bergen Festival program includes altogether six orchestral concerts, sixteen theatrical performances, four ballet shows, four opera performances, five matinee concerts, daily recitals of Edvard Grieg's music, and a series of colorful folk-lore shows. There will also be two outstanding art exhibitions, one comprising the Henie-Onstad collection of modern paintings and the other works by the Norwegian impressionist Edvard Munch.

At the opening concert, Bergen Symphony Orchestra will present Bruckner's Symphony No. 9, and Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Minor with U. S. virtuoso Michael Rabin as soloist. The same orchestra, under the baton of the noted conductor, Ernest Ansermet, will also play Schubert's Unfinished and Beethoven's 9th with such noted singers as Aase Nordmo Lovberg, Maiju Kuusjo, Pekka Nuotio and Kim Borg in the solo parts. Sir John Barbirolli will conduct Manchester's famed Halle Orchestra in two concerts on its first visit to Scandinavia. There will also be one concert by the Southwest German Chamber Orchestra.

Finland's National Opera, which was enthusiastically received at last year's Bergen Festival, will return this year to present Mozart's "The Wedding of Figaro" and Puccini's "Turandot". The latter will feature the world-famous Finnish soprano Anita Valkki. The Finnish Opera's Ballet Company will give three performances of Tchaikowski's "Swan Lake", while the Norwegian Opera's Ballet Company will offer "Medea" to music by Bela Bartok.

Five matinee concerts will for the first time be presented in the 700-year-old Haakonshallen, newly restored to its full splendor. Here, violinist Michael Rabin will give a solo recital, Norwegian pianists Kjell Baekkelund and Robert Levin will play works by Schubert, Grieg, Hindemith, and Dvorak, originally written for four hands. Daily recitals at Edvard Grieg's old home, Troldhaugen, will feature the composer's chamber music, piano works and songs as interpreted by noted Norwegian artists. Also pianist Dmitri Bashkirov will give a recital.

A highlight of the always popular folklore shows will be two performances of scenes from the Norwegian poet Arne Garborg's Haugtussa cycle, with music by Edvard Grieg, featuring soprano Aase Nordmo Lovberg. At the 800-year-old Fana Church, easily reached by bus, festival visitors may listen to organ recitals of old hymns, and after-

wards sample regional dishes served to the accompaniment of Norwegian folk music and folk dancing.

The 1963 Bergen Festival will present no fewer than fifteen theatrical performances by five different acting companies appearing in plays by Ludvig Holberg, Hans-Joachim Haecker, Max Frisch, Samuel Beckett, and Henrik Ibsen. The companies include Oslo's National Theater, the Bergen National Stage, the Norwegian Theater, Oslo, the Fiol Theater, of Copenhagen, and the Norwegian Television Theater.

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The seven brothers will present two skits, "Lukkarin Koulusaa" and "Tie Kukkarin Koulun".

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Golden Jubilee Weekend

Solglyt Lodge will commemorate 50 years of Sons of Norway in Edmonton with special weekend activities April 20th and 21st.

Lodge President, Peter Sather will be host at a Directors' Dinner being held at 6:00 p.m. at the Devlin Restaurant on Saturday night, April 20th. At 7:30 p.m. a lodge meeting with initiation of new members will be open to members of Sons of Norway only, to also be held at the Devlin Restaurant. A Jubilee Dance and Smorgasbord will follow from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. All members and friends of Sons of Norway are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, April 21, a Coffee Party open to everyone will be held in the main auditorium of the Masonic Temple from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Special guests invited to attend the Jubilee Weekend include Supreme President, Arne Tvede, of Seattle, The Hon. Mr. J. Percy Page, Lieut. Governor of the Province of Alberta, the Right Honourable E. C. Manning, His Worship Mayor Roper, and Norwegian Consul, Arne Johannessen. Invitations have gone to Charter members and all Norwegians and their friends in the Edmonton area.

Members of the committee in charge of the Jubilee Weekend are: Sisters Ragna Sivertsen and Lillian Ness, and Brothers Ellsworth Halberg, Kalmar Amdam and Knut Svidal.

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"Bibukens" Bowling

"BIBUKEN'S" Bowling Team every Thursday at 9 p.m. at the Scona Bowling Alley. High scorer for February - March was Else Gormsen with 192. Ellen Clausen's team: highest average, Else Gormsen 169.

Agda Haas team: highest average 161 and spare Jytte Christensen average 188.

Gymnastic Club Display Nearing

The arrangement for the gymnastic display, banquet and dance is nearing completion as April 6th comes closer and closer. The details of the display are as follows:

Mrs. Bente Hagen will lead the girls as they open the evenings activities, they will be followed by the boys with their instructor, Otto Henrikson. Mrs. Bente Hagen will then present her ladies' "keep fit" team and immediately after Otto Henrikson will lead the men in tumbling.

The last team to perform is the ladies "rhythmic" group presented by their instructor Mrs. Lise Christensen.

After this exercise we know the gymnasts will be ready for supper, and we hope everyone else will be too — and whose mouth wouldn't water on hearing of a supper prepared by Mrs. Lndberg.

Now is the time to obtain your tickets; sales close April 3rd. We hope you will enjoy the best evening yet. See you all at the display, banquet and dance!

The Committee for Norwegian Affiliation with EEC (See "News of Norway", Vol. 19, No. 38) has decided to continue its work by spreading information about moves toward realization of a united Europe in close contact with USA and Canada.

Handball Results

Team results of the Alberta Continental Handball Association League Tournament held February 24, 1963 at Red Deer Memorial Centre.

10:00 a.m. - Men A - Penhold vs. Shamrocks—5-0.
 y0:45 a.m. - Men B - Edmonton - Freja - Shamrocks—5-0.
 11:30 a.m. - Girls - Shamrocks vs. Edmonton Freja—5-5.
 12:10 a.m. - Men A - Penhold vs. Edmonton Freja—22-28.
 1:50 p.m. - Girls - Red Deer vs. Shamrocks—11-11.
 2:30 p.m. - Girls - Shamrocks A vs. Edmonton Freja—5-0.
 3:10 p.m. - Men A - Penhold vs. Red Deer—22-17.
 4:00 p.m. - Men A - Shamrocks vs. Edmonton Freja—16-31.
 4:50 p.m. - Girls - Edmonton Freja A. vs. Shamrocks A—19-4.
 5:30 p.m. - Girls - Shamrocks A vs. Red Deer—15-1.

Nearly 10,000 Swedish school children spent the week-long winter vacation skiing at mountain resorts in various parts of East and Central Norway.

Norwegian telegraphers at the arctic stations of Bear Island and Hopen have so far this winter bagged no fewer than fifty polar bears.

Sweden's Johnny Nilsson set world records for the 5,000 and 10,000 meters to win the world speed skating championship events at Karuizawa, Japan, with a new world record for total points, trailed by Norway's Knut Johannessen and Nils Aaness. Ivar Moe and M. Thomassen, Norway, were 4th and 6th.

Norway's speedskaters scored 1004.345 points to 1020.055 points for the Swedish team to win the two-nation skating contests held in Oslo.

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Skiing Courses For The Blind

The Norwegian Blind Federation's Sports Committee and the State Office for Youth and Sports Activities are sponsoring several ski training courses and ski meets for the blind this winter.

The first of the season, held at the up-to-date Saltfjell Tourist Hotel, in North Norway's Nordland province, attracted 39 participants from all parts of the country, plus two Swedes. At the end of the 5-day course, twenty of the blind sports enthusiasts were awarded the cherished Ski Badge, after passing the usual obligatory tests.

The popular musician-composer Erling Stordahl, who is blind himself, had raised Kr. 6,000 to cover half the cost, while the two sponsors contributed Kr. 3,000 each to the Saltfjell rally.

The Sedgewick Local of the F.U.A. wish to thank the many members of the Scandinavian Centre Co-op Assn. Ltd. for their help both in talent and advice, which made our Scandinavian Night on March 1st such a huge success. Thank you one and all!

Sedgewick Local No. 844
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Presently, 24 blind persons from East and West Norway are learning to ski in a week-long course at Beito-stolen, Mr. Stordahl's estate in the Valdres valley of South Norway. Sponsored by the same organizations, the course will last until Mar. 100. At the same time, accomplished blind skiers are competing for honors in a regular ski meet.

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Ombudsman Gets Many Complaints . . .

Former Supreme Court Justice Andreas O. Schei, who on Jan. 1 became Norway's first ombudsman, is receiving plenty of complaints from citizens who feel they have been treated unjustly or arbitrarily by Government civil service officials. During his first ten weeks in office the ombudsman received 350 cases, which is far more than had been anticipated. Therefore, the Parliament's civilian grievance officer needs bigger quarters, which he is getting, and a larger staff as well.

Ombudsman Schei says very many of the cases are about various aspects of social security, with complaints about benefits, disability ratings and such matters. Though legal verdicts and municipal affairs are outside his competence, nearly 100 grievances have dealt with these matters.

It is not unusual for a citizen to drop in to see the ombudsman on the spur of the moment and be quickly admitted. So far, there have been 120 personal calls. Ombudsman Schei considers such visits an important part of his job. He finds it useful to talk personally with complainants.

State Now Runs Employment Service

On March 1, 1963, Oslo Municipal Employment office was taken over by the State Labor Directorate. This was the last of 65 municipal employment offices in Norway to be taken over by the State since July 1, 1961. The gradual take-over began in Bergen and the three northernmost provinces. In addition to the 65 which were in existence, the Labor Directorate has set up 40 new employment offices.

As part of the reorganization, some offices take care of job placements in more than one municipality. Moreover, a number of development and job committees have been established. Including representatives of interested municipalities, these committees consider questions in connection with the job market, employment and possible new measures to provide additional job opportunities. Yet to be taken over by the State are five so-called institutes for job psychology, located in Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Fredrikstad and Sandefjord.

The purpose of the reorganization is to develop a better job placement system that will consider the nation's employment problems as a whole. Thus idle manpower can be made readily available to industrial expansion areas. The Labor Directorate will also be in a better position to counteract seasonal employment fluctuations in districts.